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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO

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1. DISCUSSIONS WERE RECENTLY HELD AT MY INITIATIVE BY
MR. GUILLERMO BARONA GARRIDO, REPRESENTATIVE OF "EXPROMAR C.A."
GUAYAQUIL, (OTTO SCHWARZ, MANTA) AND ME WITH BANK OF
AMERICA ACTION REP, MR. VICTOR FERRERO CONCERNING THE
PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN ACTUALLY OBTAINING FUNDS TO PAY FOR
FISHING LICENSES REQUESTED BY AMERICAN TUNA BOAT ASSOCIATION (ATA)
MEMBERS THROUGH "EXPROMAR," MANTA. MR. FERRERO PROVIDED ME WITH
CURRENT LIST OF MEMBERS OF ATA AND NAMES OF THEIR VESSELS. THIS
LIST WAS PROVIDED TO HIM THROUGH BOA, SAN DIEGO. WE ARRANGED A
SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING PAYMENT CHECK WITHIN FEW MINUTES
EVEN AFTER NORMAL BANKING HOURS. ANY PAYMENT MADE TO THE PROVINCIAL
PAYMENTS OFFICE (JEFATURA PROVINCIAL DE RECAUDACIONES) OF THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE BY 1530 HOURS ON A WORKDAY CAN INSURE A
LICENSE BEING ISSUED THE SAME DAY. MR. BARONA ASSURES ME HE HAS
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A FRIEND IN THE PAYMENTS OFFICE AND HE CAN GET FIFTEEN MINUTE
SERVICE.

2. LATER I TOOK MR. BARONA TO MEET WITH CAPTAIN (RET.) WILSON
ARROYO BOADA AND DR. LAUREANO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL AND DEPUTY
DIRECTOR, FISHERIES DIRECTORATE RESPECTIVELY. CAPTAIN ARROYO WAS
EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND REITERATED DESIRE OF HIS ORGANIZATION COOPERATE

FULLY WITH US. HE STRESSED HIS OFFICE AS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION WITH EMPHASIS ON "SERVICE." HE GAVE MR. BARONA HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS SO HE CAN BE CONTACTED OUTSIDE REGULAR OFFICE HOURS. A CONSULATE GENERAL LETTER OF GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT WILL SUFFICE FOR FEE COLLECTION PURPOSES ON HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS SO LICENSE CAN BE ISSUED. IN SUCH CASES REGULAR PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AND "LETTER OF GUARANTEE" RETRIVED.

3. WE THINK WE HAVE A SIMPLE, WORKABLE PROCEDURE AND WITH GOOD WILL ON EACH PARTY' S PART WE SHOULD HAVE FRICTIONLESS FISHING SEASON. DEPT MAY WISH CONVEY SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE TO ATA, SAN DIEGO WITH MY REGARDS TO THEM.

4. ARROYO ALSO INFORMED ME THAT FISHING COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION TO RAISE LICENSE FEE TO EIGHTY DOLS PER NET TON HAS NOT YET BEEN ACTED ON BY MINISTER NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY. HE DID NOT OPINE WHAT ACTION MINISTER MIGHT TAKE BUT HE SOUNDED AS THOUGH WE DID NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THIS AS BEING AN IMMINENT POSSIBILITY. BISHTON

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